Conference of Bank Economists

5985. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of Bank Economists was held at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any decisions for redefining priority sectors for lending were taken in the conference;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e). Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the Bank Economists' Conference are being held since 1975. Since 1980 such conferences have become an annual feature. The Annual Conferences are hosted by different banks. The recent 15th Bank Economists' Conference held at Baroda from January 23-25, 1992 was hosted by Bank of Baroda. The main theme of this Conference was reforms in Indian Banking-Agenda for Action: The following three technical sessions were held at this Conference: (1) International operations of Indian Banks, (2) Towards better Balance Sheets and (3) Social Banking 0 Achievements and Challenges. The Bank Economists' Conference is only a forum for discussing issues and exchanging ideas relating to Banking and Economic Development and it is not a decision making body.

Branches of Urban Cooperative Banks in Goa

5986. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the credit-deposit ratio of nationalised banks in Goa is much less than that of Urban Cooperative Banks;

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

(c) whether the Government propose to open more branches of Urban Cooperative Banks in Goa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). The Credit Deposit Ratio of Public Sector Banks in Goa as at the end of September 1991 (latest available) was 32.31%. In the case of Urban Cooperative Banks the same was 74% as on 31st January 1992..

(c) and (d). The current branch expansion programme for Urban Cooperative Banks for the period 1991-94 envisages need based branch expansion, performance criteria oriented approach subject to compliance by the banks with stipulated norms relating to viability, licensed status, development of credit to priority sectors, level of overdues, compliance to RBI inspection report/credit discipline etc. Keeping in view the above guidelines, out of the proposals received by RBI from five Urban Cooperative Banks for opening branches in Goa, only one proposal could be approved by RBI as the remaining proposals didn't adhere to the stipulated norms.

Exports and Imports Through Mormugao Port

5987. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the goods exported from and im-

ported through Mormugao Port in Goa during the last three years alongwith the quantities thereof;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned through exports and the amount spent on the imports during the above period; and

(c) the amount of export and import duties realised from sthe above transactions by the Union Government and the benefit accrued to the Mormugao Port Trust?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Iron Ore, Mangnese Ore, Molasses, Oil Cakes, Alumina etc. have been exported and Phospheric acid, Fertilizers, Waste paper, Foodgrain etc. have been imported through Mormugao port, The Volume and value of goods exported and imported through Mormugao port during the last three years is as under:-

	1989		*1990-91*		*1991-92 (April-December '91)*	
	Export	*Import (including transhipment)*	*Export*	*Import (including transhipment)*	*Export*	*Import (including transhipment)*
Volume (In million tonnes)	12.61	0.92	13.34	1.06	7.55	1.19
Value (Rs. in crores)	297.90	144.88	371.11	110.21	314.35	149.70

(c) Goa Customs House collected revenue of Rs. 66.11 crores from April to February, 1992. Statistics separately for Mormugao Port is not maintained. Port has no change on such revenue.

Export of Rubber

5988. SHRI P.C. THOMAS:
PROF. SAVITHRI LAKSHMANAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity, varieties and price of rubber exported during 1991-92 particularly from Cochin Port and proposed to be exported during 1992-93, country-wise;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned or likely to be earned therefrom, country-wise;

(c) whether there is a great potential for export of rubber to the neighbouring countries such as Pakistan, Bangladesh, China where less expenditure is involved in exports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard.